

Dear Sirs:

It is important for wireless and wireline operators to understand that the porting of a number may not necessarily ALSO require the termination of a consumer's contract.

I would like the Commission to consider that a consumer's request to have a number ported may not also require the termination of any contract or agreement between a carrier and the consumer.

In other words: A consumer should be free and clear to port a number without needing to terminate an agreement with a carrier. So long as the consumer is willing to continue under the operation of the agreement -- albeit, with a different telephone number -- there should be no stipulation by a carrier upon the consumer that effectively requires a consumer to terminate the contract so that a request to port the number can be acted upon.

A request to port a number should be a different issue than a consumer's desire to remain under agreement with the carrier.

In the instant case, a consumer may simply wish to port a number from one carrier to another, while fully maintaining his duties and obligations under the agreements the consumer may have with both carriers.

I thank you for your valuable time and consideration of my comments, and welcome your ongoing management of these issues so vital to today's economy.

Respectfully submitted,
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